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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT IN BERLIN OF FRG OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
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1. WE AGREE WITH TEXT OF PROPOSED REPLY TO BELETSKIY
DEMARCHE, REF A, WITH EXCEPTION OF PHRASE "COMMUNICATION
OF THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR HANDED OVER SEPTEMBER 10,
1973," WHICH MAY GIVE SOVIET COMMUNICATION MORE STATUS
THAN WAS INTENDED. AS INDICATED REF B, SOVIET DEMARCHE
WAS DELIBERATELY LIMITED TO ORAL STATEMENT, WRITTEN COPY
OF WHICH WAS GIVEN US FOR CONVENIENCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST,
THEREFORE, THAT WORDS "HANDED OVER" BE DELETED FROM DRAFT
REPLY.

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2. WE HAVE MADE PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PAPERS POUCHED BY EMBASSY RELATING TO PROPOSED FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE, INCLUDING DRAFT LAW FOR CREATION OF OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DECREE ESTABLISHING INTERIM OFFICE. WITHOUT PREJUDGING POSSIBILITY THAT BK/L PERHAPS WITH STANDARD RESERVATION OF ALLIES RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES MIGHT BE DESIRABLE, WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN INDICATING TO FRG AT THIS TIME THAT WE APPROVE PROJECT IN PRINCIPLE.

3. AS NOTED REF B, DRAFT LAW THAT WOULD ESTABLISH PERMANENT OFFICE IN BERLIN CAN BE REVIEWED IN NORMAL COURSE WHEN IT IS PRESENTED TO BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ADOPTION BY MANTELGESETZ AFTER PASSAGE BY BUNDESTAG. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DECREE ESTABLISHING INTERIM OFFICE, HOWEVER, IS ALREADY IN FORCE. IF, AS WE UNDERSTAND, FRG INTENTION IS THAT INTERIM OFFICE SHOULD FUNCTION IN BERLIN PENDING ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION CREATING PERMANENT OFFICE, WE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT IT OPERATES PURSUANT TO ALLIED AUTHORIZATION AND NOT ON BASIS OF FRG DECISION DIRECTLY APPLIED IN BERLIN WITHOUT ALLIED APPROVAL. UPON RECEIPT OF CLARIFICATIONS OF STATUS OF INTERIM OFFICE TO BE SOUGHT AT EMBASSY MEETING WITH VON LERSNER (SEPT. 14), WE WOULD CONSULT WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS AND ALERT SENAT TO POSSIBILITY THAT WE MIGHT WISH TO TAKE ACTION ON INTERIM OFFICE ENVISAGED PARA 4, REF B BEFORE FRG CABINET MEETING SEPT. 19. KLEIN

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